

bill is not the same as an abortion bill or a death penalty bill, is not the same even as a tax bill that changes whole aspects of the tax structure, such as we had earlier this year, not that kind of a bill in a sense that you consider it fair and right and the thing to do to fight to the finish on it and...and filibuster to the end on it. I think this is the kind of bill where the people who are proposing it deserve to have a vote and it deserves to have a fair hearing and it should. But because of the once in a lifetime dynamics, end of the year dynamics which has been forced upon us by the tax debate, the path that we need to follow is a procedural path as opposed to what we might think of as a substantive path. But, again, in debating the procedural path doesn't mean you can't debate the substance of the bill as you go along. So, again, just to give you a vision of where we could go, overrule the...I would ask that you overrule the Chair on the division of the question, step one. Step two, the motion to suspend which will take 30 votes, and step three is a motion to suspend that will take 30 votes. Now I think you would all agree that's an extremely difficult path to take, but I would hope that we can contain this debate within certain time limits and vote it up or vote it down as the body sees fit. So, to open, I would ask that the Chair be overruled. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of the Chair in opposition to the motion to overrule. Yet it troubles me to do that, because the Chair has a big enough head already. For us to support him in this case is probably out of line.

SPEAKER BAACK: You are speaking of Senator Lamb because he did make the ruling yesterday, I did not.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, that...yeah, it would be applicable, yes, it certainly would.

SPEAKER BAACK: Just wanted to get that straight.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. Okay. I will admit the process has broken down considerably here and we have people voting on...me being one of them, voting on procedural matters in ways in which we had never dreamed of voting before. Our germaneness rule has been twisted and reinterpreted and is a drastically different